



EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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'Creating a community of Lifelong Learners'

Good luck and Goodbye.

Ms Rahena Begum has worked as a lunchtime supervisor at Earlsmead for 15 years!



She has now taken up a different role working for the NHS. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over so many years and the care she has always shown the thousands of children she has supported during lunchtimes. Good luck for the future Rahena! **Congratulations!**

Meet our Head Boy and Girl and our Deputy Head Boy and Girl: from left to right - Batuhan, Aaliyah-Shae, Zaynab and Rahsian



- 8th** - start of the spring term
- 10th** - and every Wednesday 3.30-4.10 Multisports
- 12th** and every Friday 3.25-4.25 Football Club Yr 1-6
- 9th** - 3.30 p.m. weekly KS2 HW Clubs start
- 10th** - 2 Yellow class visit to St. Paul's Cathedral
- 10th** - weekly sessions of Action Tutoring in Yr 6
- 15th** - 2 Pink class visit St Paul's Cathedral

Welcome Back...

I hope you all had a restful Christmas break and that 2024 is a great year for us all!

One of the highlights of last year was the work Year 5 classes did as part of, 'Haringey Feast' funded by the Mayor of London's 'Borough of Culture' programme.



Children worked in weekly workshops led by performance poets, Abe Gibson and Bridget Badoe Quick throughout October where they collaborated to create a poem. Then, in November they developed their performance skills (and confidence) so that they were able to perform it in front of family - and a huge audience in the Great Hall in historic, Alexander Palace!



It was wonderful to have so many parents and carers accompanying us and also be part of the audience.



It was an amazing experience, not just for our talented children but also for the staff and parents who accompanied them to the event.

The other very special event at the end of 2023 was a visit to the school from, 'Night Owls' as part of the Science Week that Ms Wood our, Science and D&T Lead organised.



Children were fascinated to learn so much about these amazing birds and then to handle them up close!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Year 6 are getting SATs ready.....

We are very committed to ensuring that every child is well prepared for the next part of their learning journey and for Year 6 this means, the challenges of secondary school. Children are already attending Booster classes in Maths and English and some of them are having additional tuition through a company called, 'Action Tutoring'. Please support us in preparing them by making sure they go to bed at a reasonable time,



ensure they read a little each day and that they always complete and return their homework.

2023 seems a long time ago...

It was lovely that so many of you managed to come and enjoy children's Christmas performances.



Thank you Lunchtime UK for a delicious, traditional Christmas lunch menu - which was chosen by our School Council!

Class Trips...

The children in Reception had an amazing time at Hainault Forest. The views were amazing and the children experienced the autumn season in all its glory.



Lime Class had a successful trip to The British Museum. They enjoyed remembering Egyptian learning from when they were in Year 3 and also found the statues and Roman exhibition fascinating.



We are very proud of the children who attend Literacy Pirates. They are all authors and have had their work published in a book. It was lovely to watch them read out extracts from their stories.



Attendance...

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, we need to work together. From 8 January, the Government is launching a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign strapline is "moments matter, attendance counts"

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts!"

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.



Contact Details

Please make sure that the school has your most up to date contact details AND two emergency contact numbers for your child. It is essential that you provide the office with this information and they you let them know of any changes when the occur.



Birthday Celebrations

We are happy to give individual cup cakes or goody bags out to children or their families at the end of the school day, but we will not be able to cut cakes or prepare bags.

Please remember, we are a **nut free school**.

This means that no food items that contain nuts or sesame seeds are permitted in school.

A number of children suffer with severe nut allergies and if they are exposed to even the touch or smell of nuts they could have a reaction that will seriously damage their health or even be fatal.

We are also a Healthy School, so any goody bags should only contain **one** sugary item.

Earlsmead pupils already know how to say gracias in Spanish. But how else can we show gratitude? Mr Higgins are happy to award a language dojo to students using any of these phrases!

- Muchas gracias (**thank you very much**)
- Mil gracias (**a thousand thanks**)
- Muchísimas gracias (**thank you very much or thanks a lot**)
- Muchas gracias por todo (**thank you very much for everything**)
- Te/se lo agradezco (**I thank you**)
- De nada (**you're welcome**)
- No hay problema (**no problem**)



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